





IN THE DRAWING OF
THIS 24 HOUR COMIC
I MAY HAVE GOT A
FEW FACTS WRONG.
MISREPRESENTED
SOME FURNISHINGS
OR ITEMS OF
CLOTHING.



SOME OF
THESE FACTS
I WILL NOT
CHANGE.
MY MEMORY
IS VERY
PRECIOUS TO
ME. IT IS
MY PERCEPTION
SEQUENTIALISED
BETWEEN ABSENCES



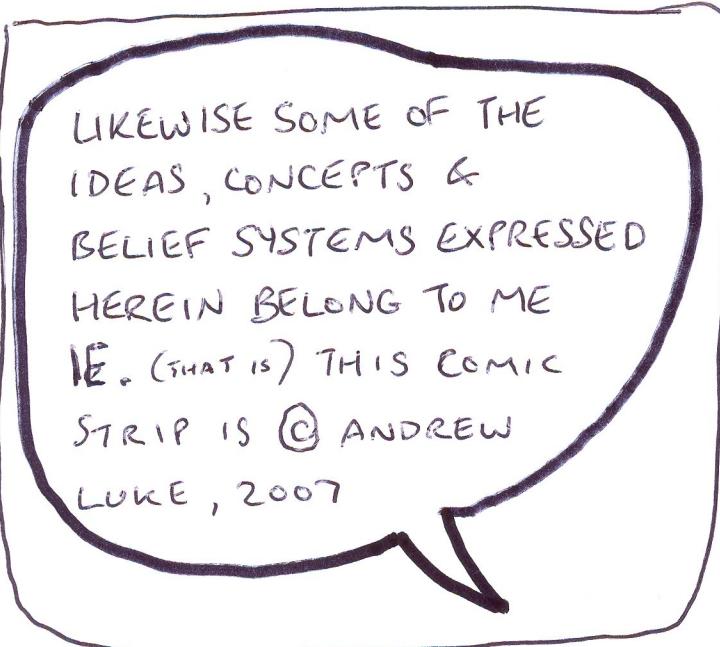
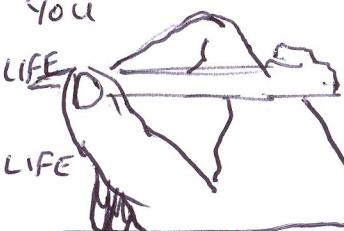
IF YOU'RE
A MEMBER
OF THE
FAMILY, OR
KNEW MY
GRAN
PLEASE TAKE
AN ADEQUATE
AMOUNT OF
TIME TO
REMEMBER &
Grieve in your
own way

(though no absence occurred
here, and absence does not
take on so clear a form)



NOBODY COULD OR SHOULD
TAKE YOUR MEMORIES FROM
YOU. THIS TIME YOU
HAVE WITH THEM IS LIFE

AND ITS AFTERLIFE



LIKEWISE SOME OF THE
IDEAS, CONCEPTS &
BELIEF SYSTEMS EXPRESSED
HEREIN BELONG TO ME
IE. (THAT IS) THIS COMIC
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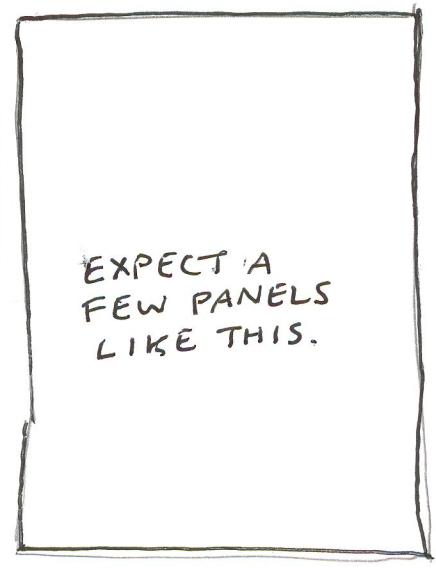


IT'S NOT BEEN
MY DESIRE
TO CAUSE ANY
OFFENCE.
ANY PERCEIVED
AXES TO GRIND
UNLESS SPECIFICALLY
STATED, ARE
NOT PRESENT.



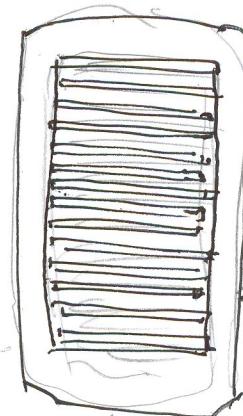
THE SUBJECT MATTER IS
INTENDED TO RELATE TO
PEOPLE LIVING + MAY
CONTAIN REFERENCES TO
PEOPLE DEAD.

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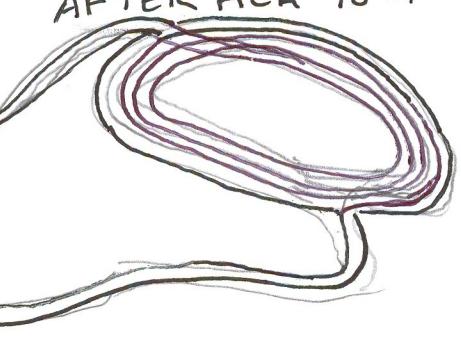


EILEEN LUCAS HAD BEEN QUITE
ILL FOR A FEW YEARS.

MAYBE THE SMOKES.
MAYBE THE ASBESTOS FROM MY
GRANDFATHER'S LAUNDRY.



A FEW MONTHS
AFTER HER 76TH



HER 75TH WAS A SMASHING PARTY
BY THE WAY.



LITTLE JOHNATHAN
MASTERS THE USE OF
MY PALM PILOT





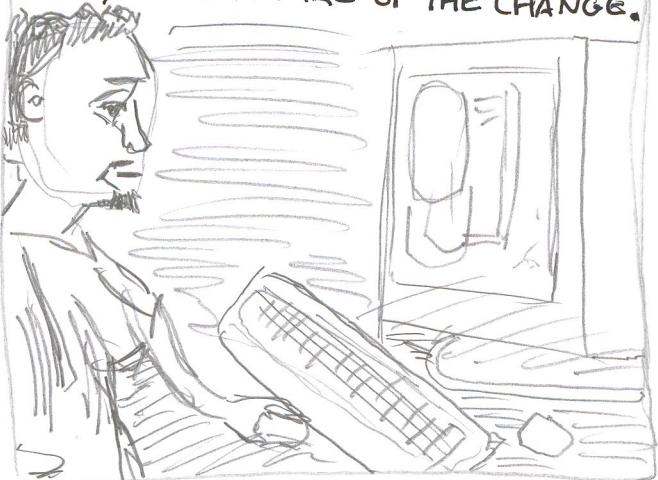
Her 75TH
Birthday

The tubing that
carried the oxygen to her last
few years rests in her hand,
spiralled like a lasso from
all those westerns she used
to watch.

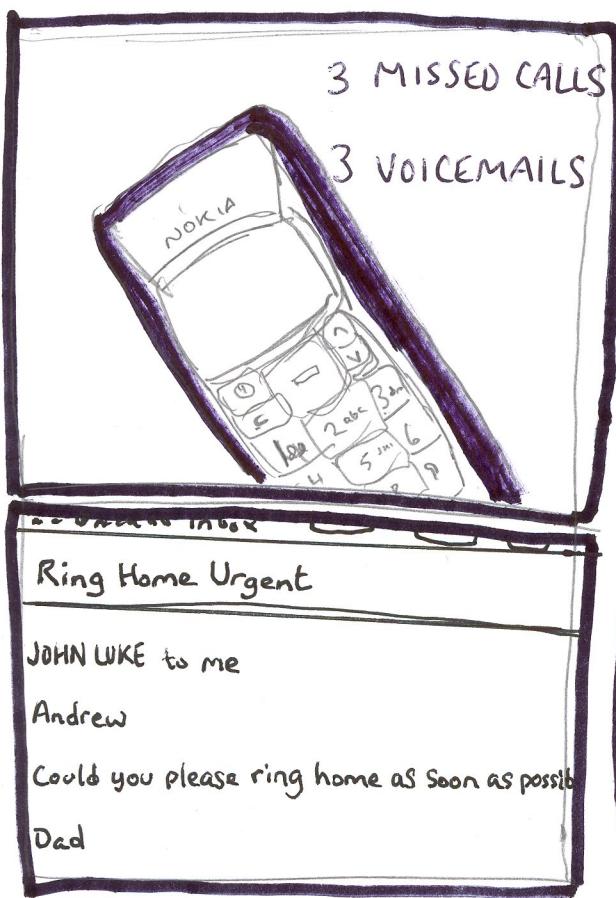


THE SUN WAS COMING IN THROUGH THE UMBRELLAS CREATING SOLAR POWER IN THE SHAPE OF A WINDMILL. OUR BABY BEER BOTTLES MAGNIFY THE EFFECT ON THE DECKING. MY SKETCHES ARE PASSED AROUND TO AMUSEMENT, COMMENTARY AND CRITIQUE. GRANNY EILEEN URGES A FEW OF US TO HAVE A DRINK FOR HER.

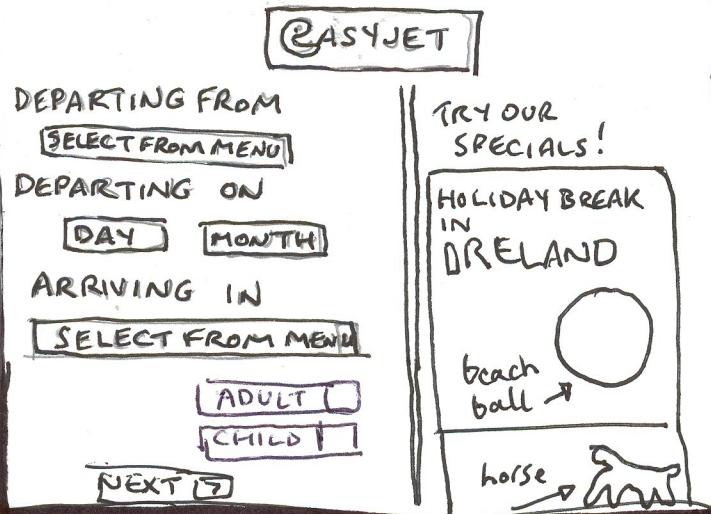
AT THE MOMENT SHE LEAVES HER BODY, I'M UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE.



TALKING TO LEANNE, WONDERING WHAT TO SAY. HER FAMILY PETS THE CHOOKS, MANY WIPE OUT BY FOXES.



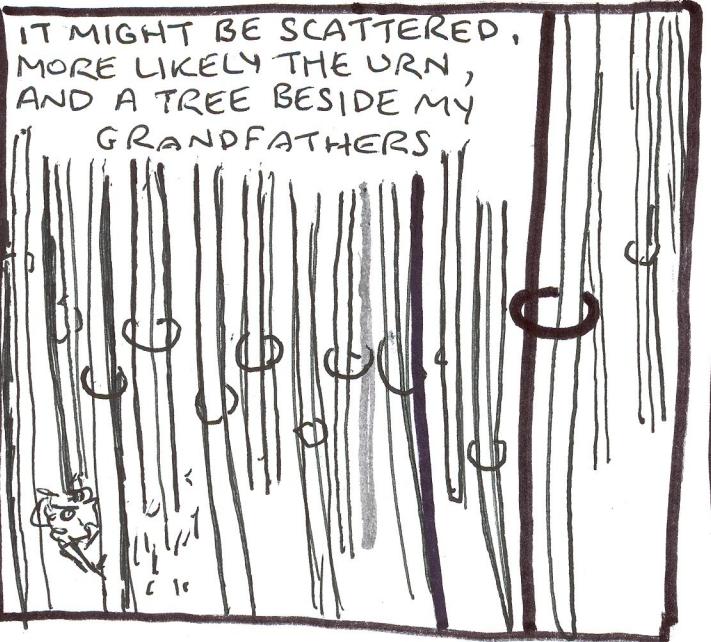
DEALING WITH BEREAVEMENT
NOWADAYS IS ACCOMPANIED
BY A LANDSCAPE OF
HYPERLINKS



IF I HAVE ANY UNDEALT WITH
EMOTIONS, THEY'RE ACCOMPANIED BY
3 ATTEMPTS AT GETTING MY DEBIT
CARD DETAILS RIGHT & A WORLD
SECURITY STATE THAT WANTS TO KNOW
THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT. I'LL TELL IT
(THEM) WHAT I TOLD THEIR LIMITED
UNDERSTANDING DROP-DOWN MENU.



IT MIGHT BE SCATTERED,
MORE LIKELY THE URN,
AND A TREE BESIDE MY
GRANDFATHERS



24 HOURS AFTER THIS COMIC IS
DONE I'LL BE IN THE AIR FOR BELFAST.



FROM ONE VEHICLE FULL OF LIFE TO
ANOTHER. THEN IN THE NEXT
MORNING TO SEE THE VEHICLE THAT
MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO USE.



WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD MY GRAN
TOOK ME ON A FLIGHT TO WESTERN
AUSTRALIA. WE STOPPED AT
SINGAPORE, BANGKOK, WE WATCHED
MOVIES TOGETHER, AND I SHARED
A THIRTY FOOT TOBLERONE,



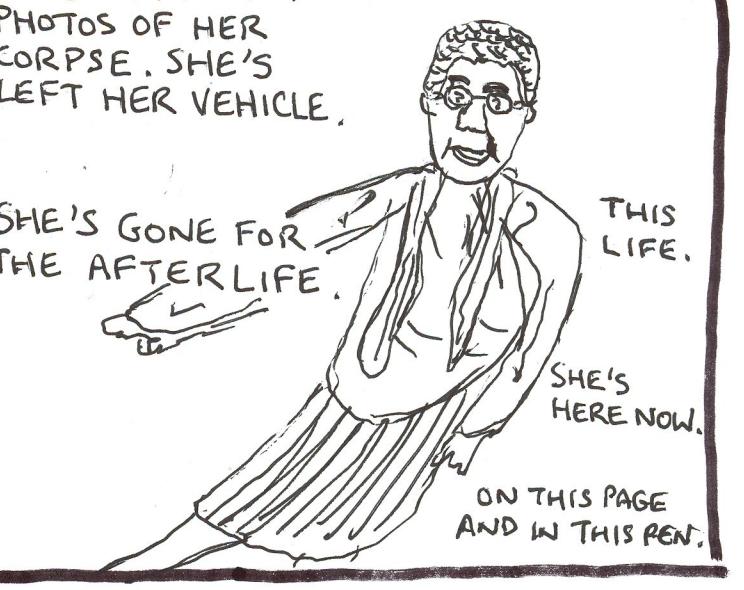
WAY TOO MUCH INFORMATION FOR
TODAYS REQUIREMENTS.

ON WEDNESDAY HER OLD VEHICLE WILL
BE MADE A COMPACT.

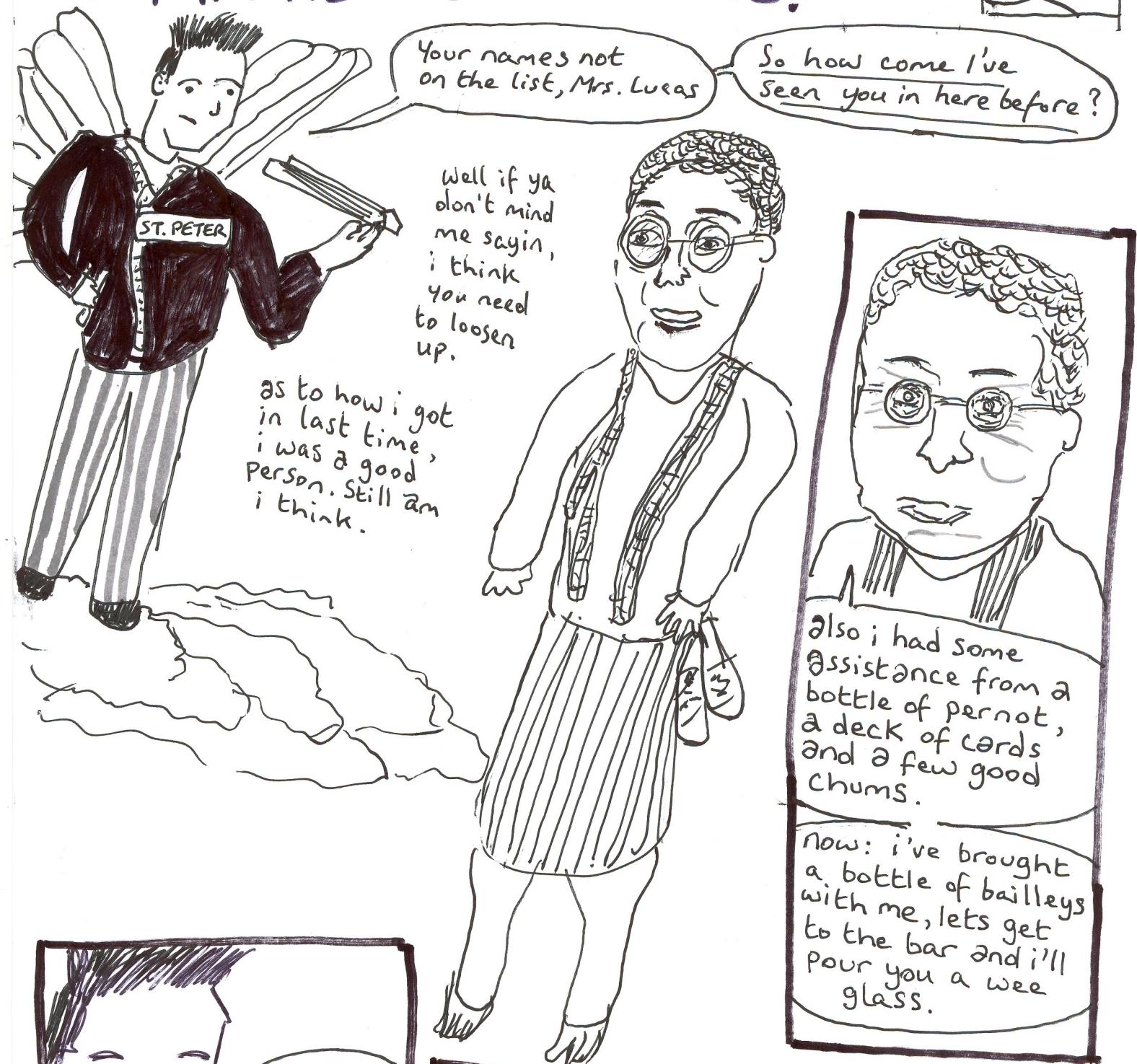
Probably an
urn.

SHE'S NOT IN ANY
PHOTOS OF HER
CORPSE. SHE'S
LEFT HER VEHICLE.

SHE'S GONE FOR
THE AFTERLIFE.



IN MY FAMILY'S ASSOCIATION WITH JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN MYTHS AND BELIEFS, SHES IN HEAVEN AND NOT IN HEAVEN AT ONCE.



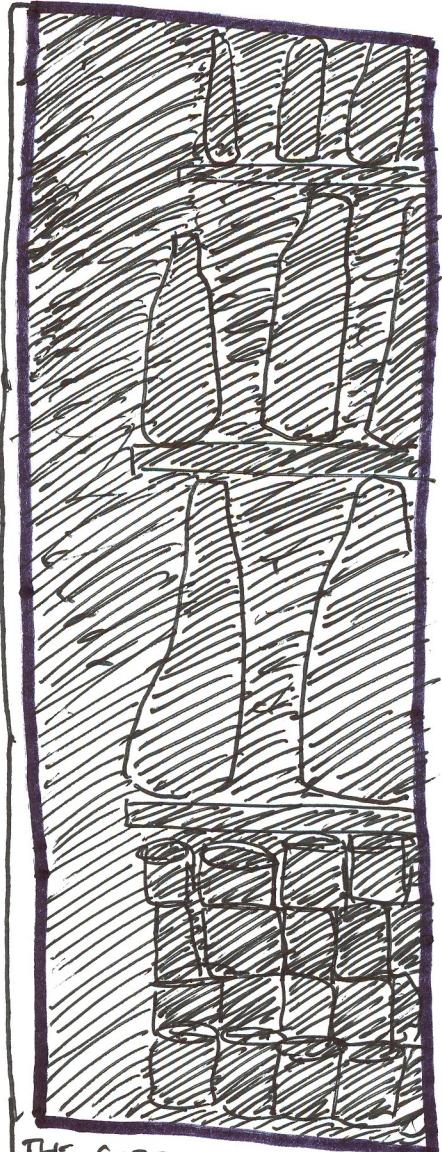
IN HELL AND NOT IN HELL PARALLEL



MY GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER MIGHT HAVE BEEN ~~AA~~ OR BE AT HOME IN THE REALM OF BAACHUS OR ONE OF THE DEITIES IN THE "PARTIETHEON"



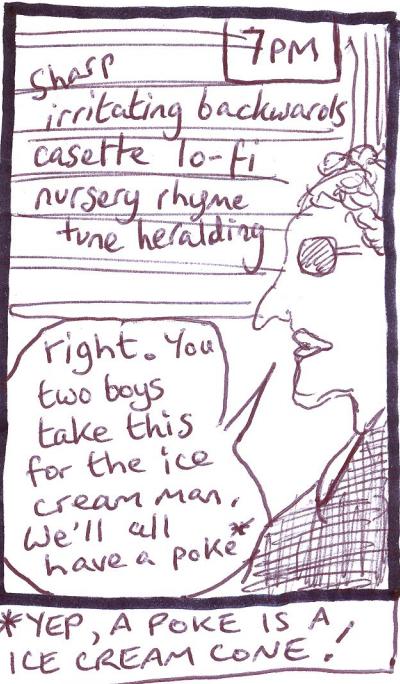
firm adherence to the principles of Bernie Dekoven & Other fun theorists.



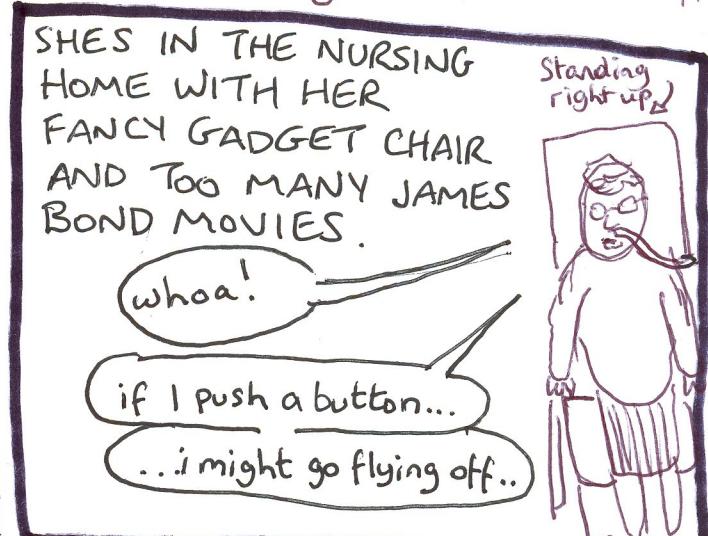
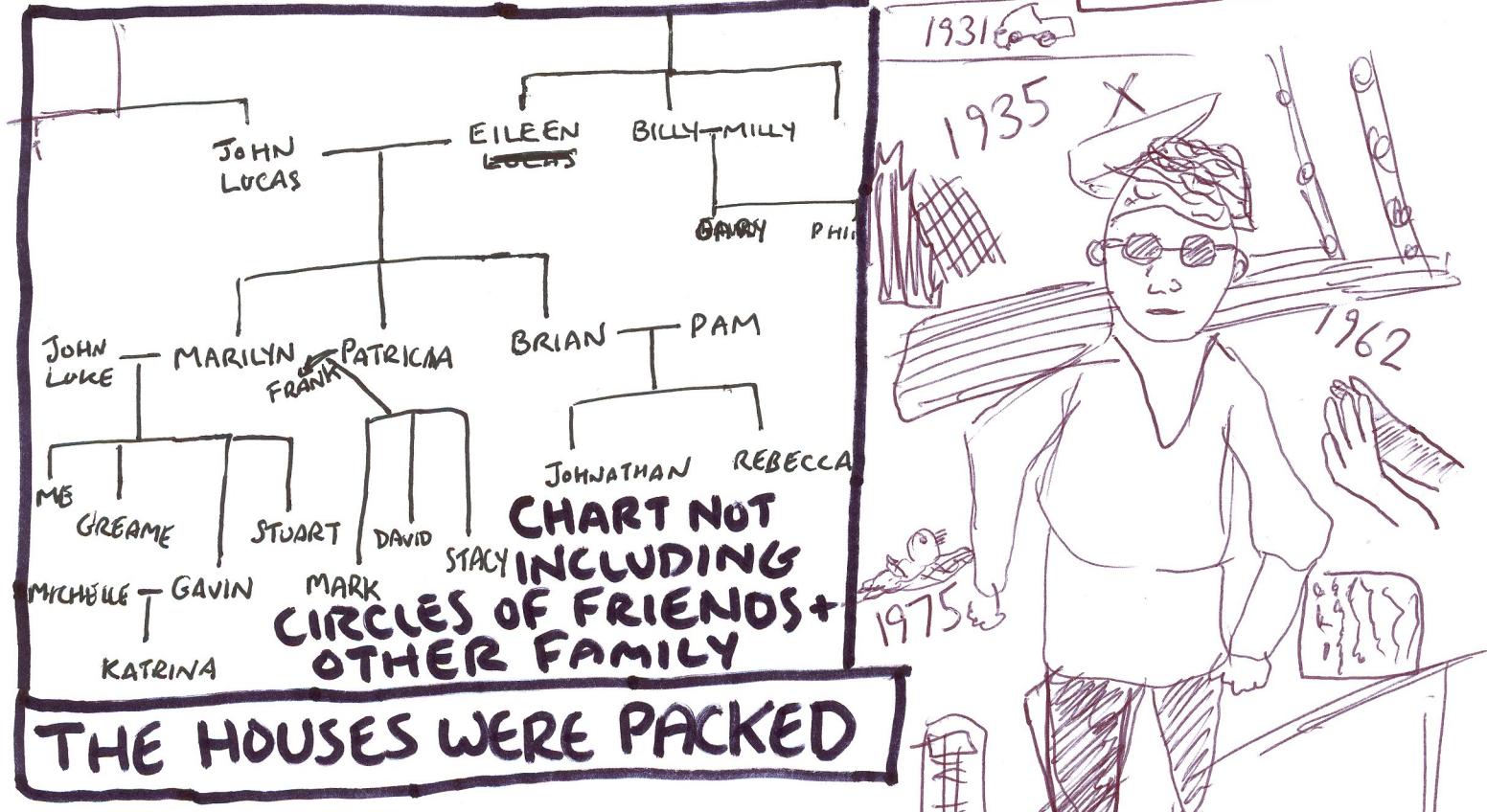
THE CUPBOARD UNDER THE STAIRS FILLED WITH COKE & MAINE (FOR US) AND PERNOD, GUINNESS, BELLS, DRAMBUIE & OTHERS



don't do what i do andrew don't do what i do



SHE TRAVELED IN TIME.





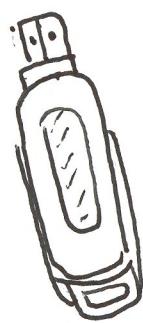
SHE'S ALIVE IN THE PHOTO
HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER
KATRINA IS SHOWN
TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER
THEY MET.

AND THE PHOTOS
OF THEM & THEIR
MEETINGS SIX
MONTHS, A YEAR
AFTER.

AND WHEN SHE FINDS IT IN THE FUTURE



PERSONALITIES ENCODED IN PEN DRIVES?



A DRAWING OF NEARBY
THIS USB STICK
CONTAINS ESSAYS
FROM MY FIRST
LAPTOP PURCHASED
FOR MY FIRST
YEAR AT UNIVERSITY.

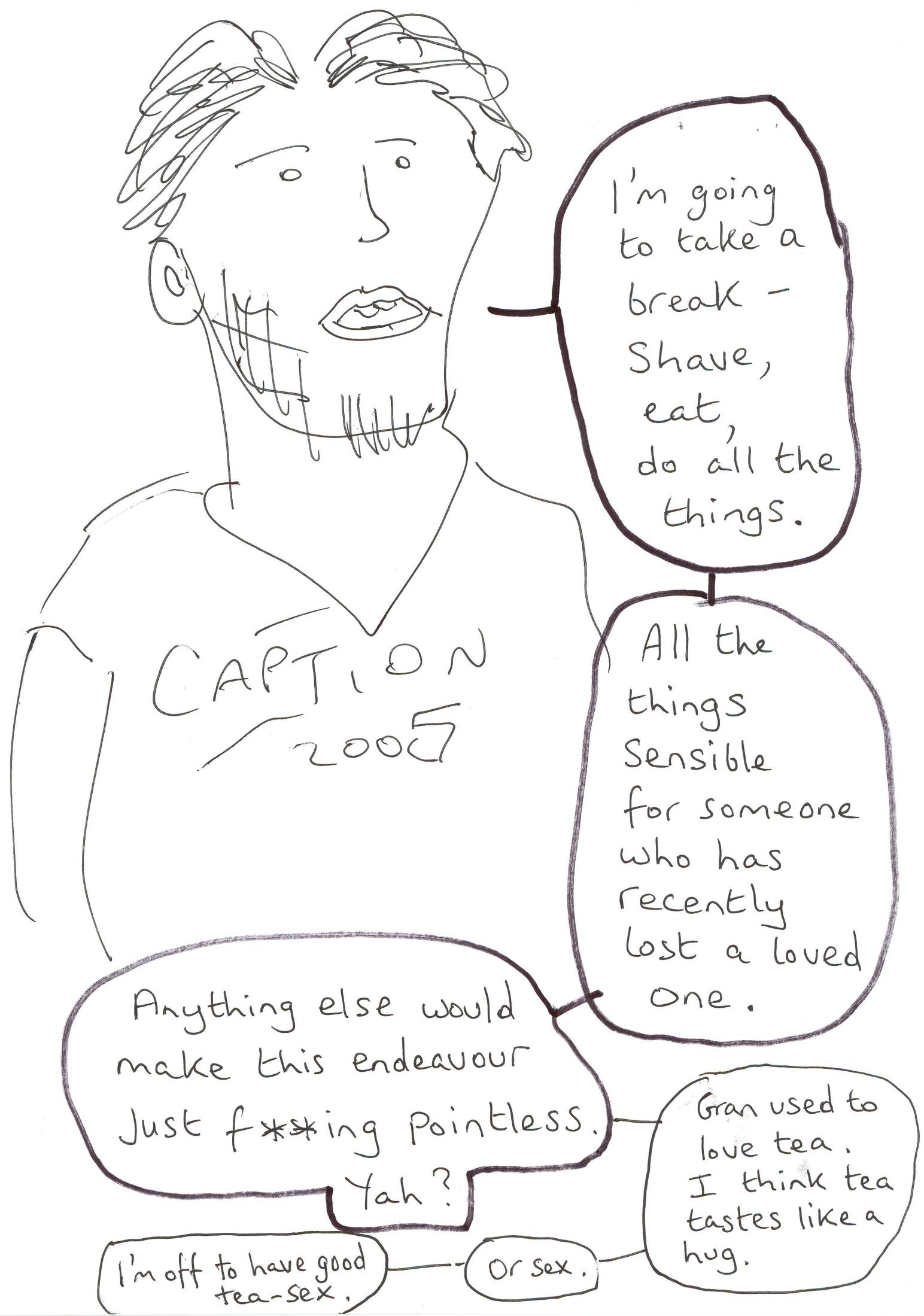
PURCHASED WITH MONEY MY
GRAN WANTED ME TO HAVE,
BEFORE SHE DIED.



AS LONG AS I RECALL SHE WOULD
MAKE THIS UNUSUAL NOISE WITH HER
MOUTH

MWH
MWH
MWH
MWH



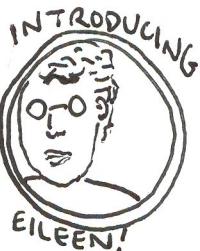


30 MINUTES LATER...

GRAN-E COMIX

ALL THE BOY
EVER WANTED
WAS TO WORK
IN COMIX!

AND ONE DAY
HE DOES,
BUT FIRST..



THIS ISSUE

FAMILY!

AFTER ONE BELTING TOO FAR I PRODUCED
MY FIRST COMIC BOOK - A VICTIOUS
declaration of all my grandparents
FAULTS, AND THE EVILS OF SMOKING.



MY PARENTS WHEN THEY WORKED
WEEKENDS MY BROTHER GREAME AND
I WERE STAYING WITH JOHN & EILEEN

OOR WULLIE - SUNDAY POST
WULLIES GOT A FISH TO FRY

THE BROONS



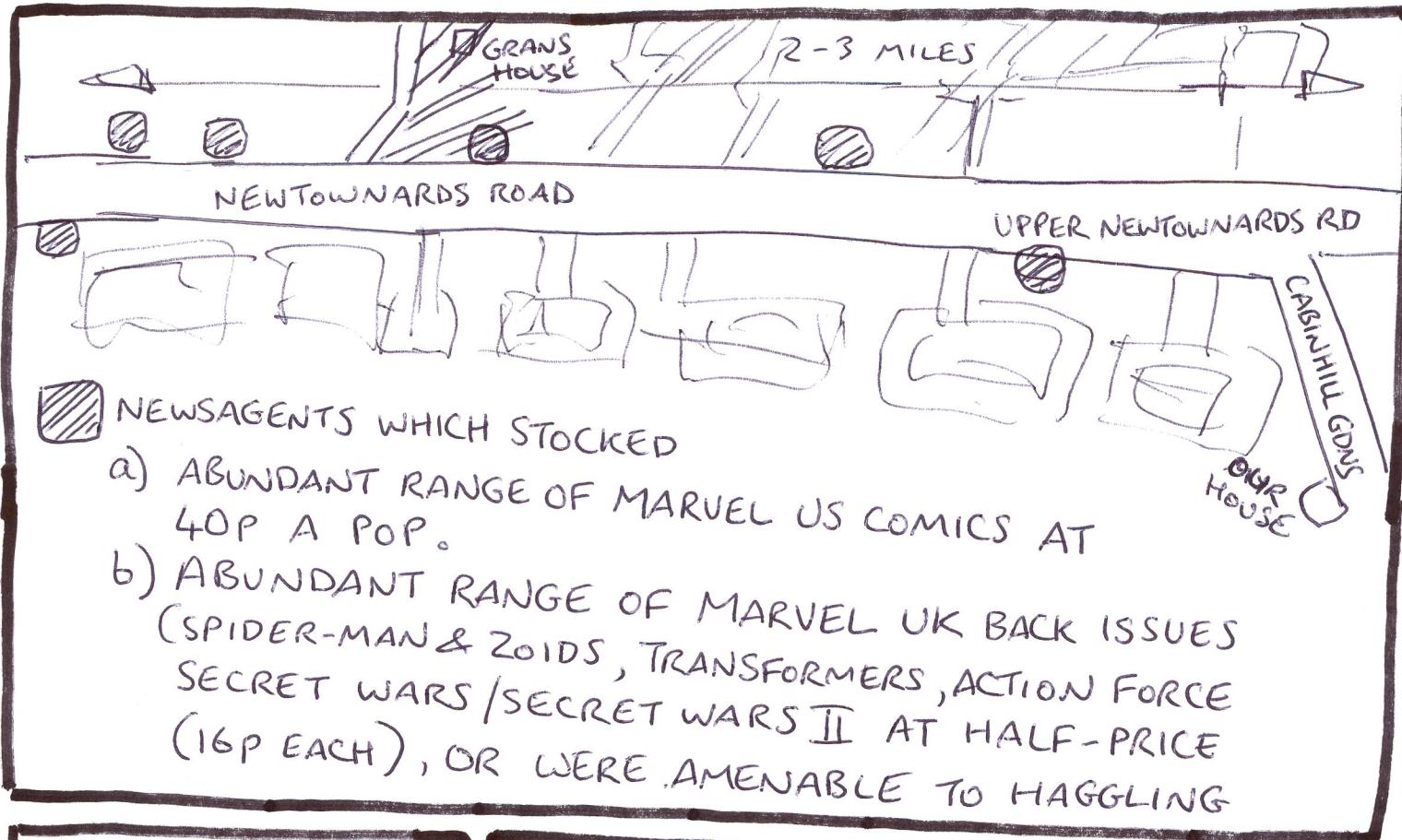
EVERY WEEKEND WITHOUT FAIL, THE SUNDAY POST

AND THEY WERE.

I HAD TAPPED INTO BOTH
THE POWER OF COMICS
AND AN ABILITY TO
MANIPULATE AND DESTROY
CLOSE ONES EMOTIONS.



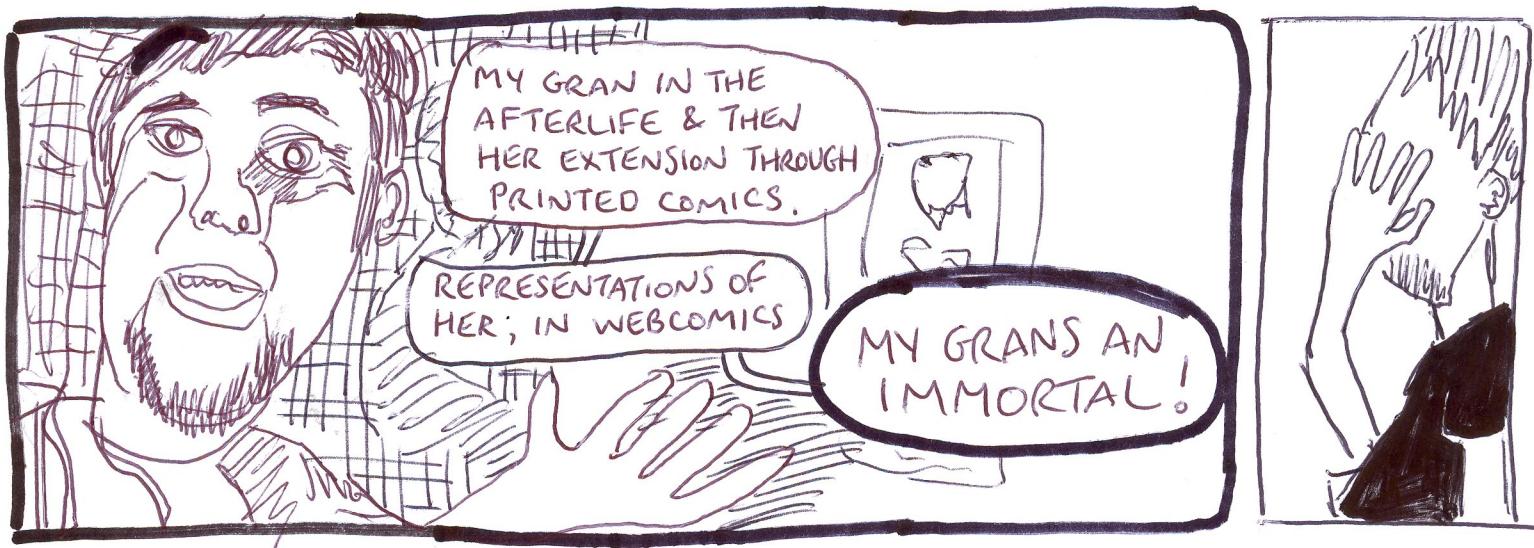
WHEN I WAS 14 I SERIOUSLY GOT INTO MY MARVEL COMICS. I HAD A PAPER ROUND THAT PAID £5.62 A WEEK.



■ NEWSAGENTS WHICH STOCKED

- ABUNDANT RANGE OF MARVEL US COMICS AT 40P A POP.
- ABUNDANT RANGE OF MARVEL UK BACK ISSUES (SPIDER-MAN & ZOIDS, TRANSFORMERS, ACTION FORCE SECRET WARS/SECRET WARS II) AT HALF-PRICE (16P EACH), OR WERE AMENABLE TO HAGGLING

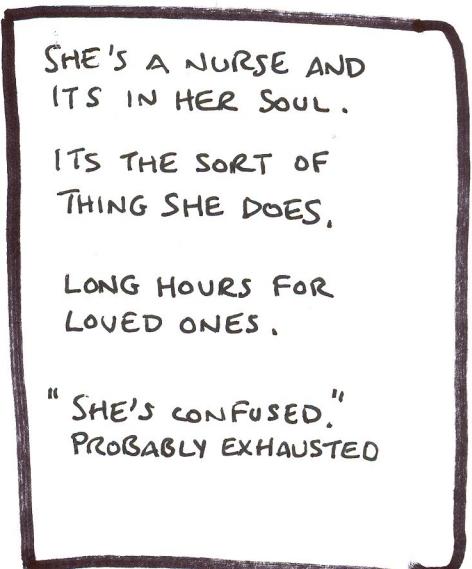
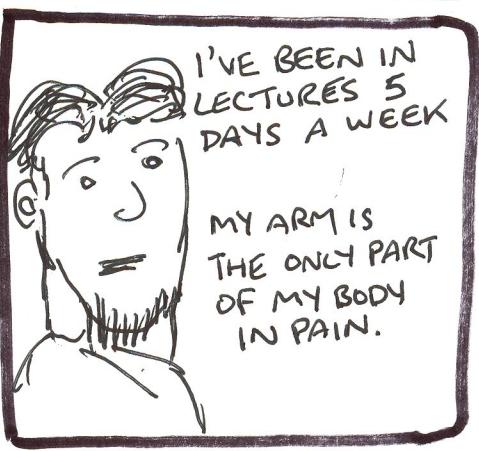
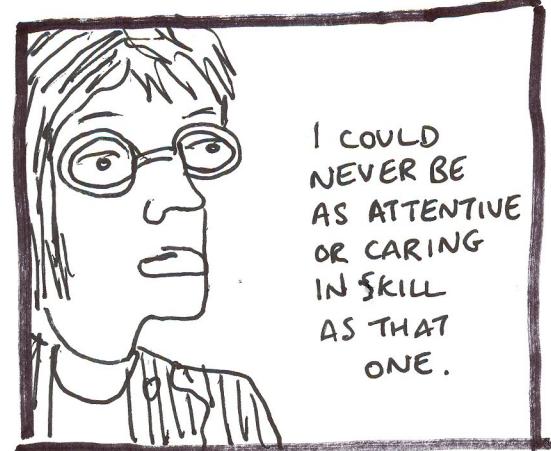




2:43 AM
AROUND 51 HOURS SINCE
SHE LEFT HER VEHICLE FOR
THE FUTURE.

438 MILES AWAY MY PARENTS
REST. IN ANOTHER ROOM,
MY AUNT AND COUSIN.

GOOGLE MAPS COULD NOT
CALCULATE DRIVING
DIRECTIONS BETWEEN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
AND COUNTY DOWN.





TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS



NO SENSE PUSHING THE CLOCK, BUILDING IN PARALLEL THOUGH



I CAN BUILD A MENTAL RE-CONSTRUCT OF ME GRAN IN ME HEAD



THEY TAUGHT ME WELL.

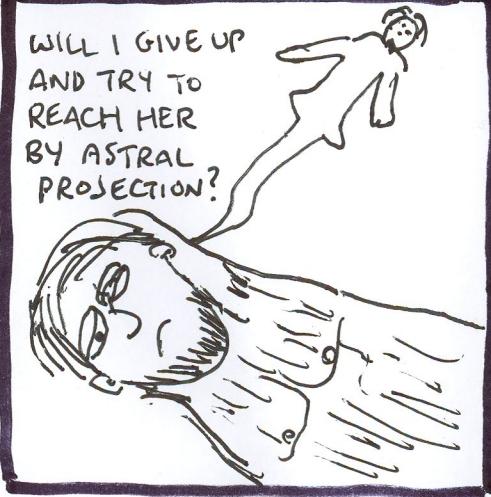


EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES IN HEIGHTS OF JOYS



"SHOULD MEET GRAN EILEEN"
"GET ON A HOOT"

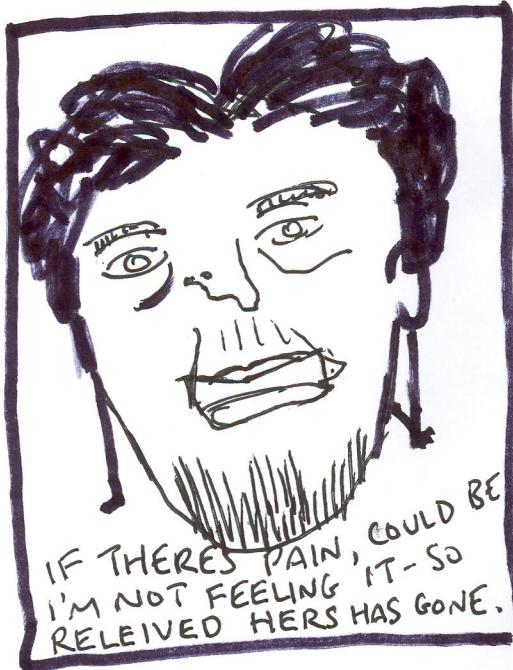
OH SHES WOULD A GONNA LOVE THIS ONE



WILL I GIVE UP AND TRY TO REACH HER BY ASTRAL PROJECTION?



TO WHAT EXTENT WILL I BE AWARE OF HER SPIRIT FORM IN THE CORNER OF MY EYE?

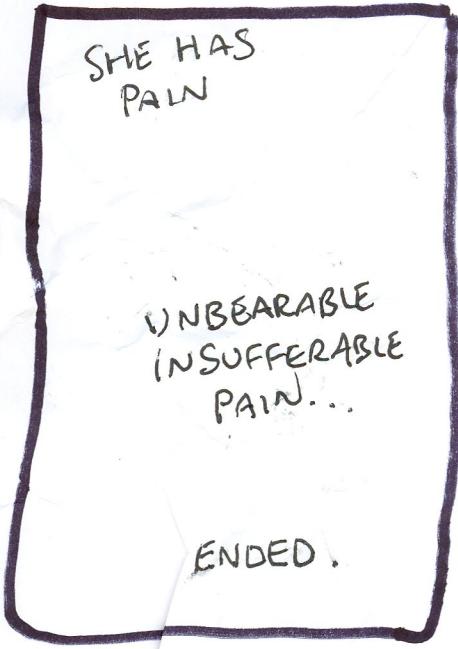


IF THERES PAIN, COULD BE I'M NOT FEELING IT - SO RELEIVED HERS HAS GONE.



SHE HAS PAIN

UNBEARABLE INSUFFERABLE PAIN...



ENDED.

18 CHEVIOT AVENUE



A STREET OF FAIRLY UNIFORM TERRACE HOUSES.

THE HALLS AND CARPETS WERE A SMOKY WHISKEY BROWN.



THE ROOFSPACE HAD COLOURED RIBBONS AT AN APERTURE LEADING TO MY GRANDFATHER'S WORKSHOP.

14 RIBBONS, I COULDN'T TELL YOU. IT USED TA BE MY UNCLE'S BEDROOM GREAME & I WOULD LARK IN AND OUT OF THERE. YEARS LATER AS AN ADULT I WOULD VISIT MY GRAND-DAD, AND DEARLY LOVE TO GO IN THERE, IT SMELT LIKE A WORKSHOP. ICE CREAM TUBS FULL OF NUTS, SCREWS, WASHERS AND BOLTS.



SHE'S SNUCK OUT THE BACK FOR A LIE-DOWN



ALL THOSE PEOPLE I MET THROUGH HER 'GET GATSBY A FAMILY EXISTENCE'...



THE CLUB

WILL PARTS OF OUR PATHS CROSS?

THAT'S WHEN I REALISE WERE MY PARENTS OBSESSION WITH FAMILY COMES FROM.

IT'S GOOD

"I MEAN, IT'S COMIX, YOU DON'T OWE NOBODY NOTHIN"



OK THANX
EILEEN.

'MAM'

"IT'S OK MARILYN, I GOT IT"



APPROX 1982

SHE'S HAVING A GIGGLE
UPON HEARING MY BRO
GREAME HAS TRIED TO
CUT OFF HIS COWS LICK

Oh dear
oh dear
oh dear

What?

2004
MY
GRADUATION

EARLY
~~THE~~ NINETIES
AND ME MOMS
OFF TO WORK
AT A ROMANIAN
ORPHANAGE.

SO PROUD
OF HER
ONCE MORE

SHE GIVES
AUDIENCE
TO ANOTHER
GENERATION

SHE GREETS MY GRANDFATHER-
HE AND CHARLIEDOG MISSING
FOR TWO TO THREE HOURS

JOHN
WHERE IN
THE BLAZES
WERE YOU
TO THIS HOUR?

WE
WERE
THINKING
ALL SORTS

TRANSPiRES THEY'D
GONE FOR A WALK
ROUND THE COAST
AND LOST TRACK
OF TIME

GRANNY
IS THERE
ANYTHING
I CAN GET
FOR YOU?

AUSTRALIA - JANUARY
1982. 5 AM.

ANDREW, WHAT THE
DICKENS ARE YOU
DOING UP AT THIS
TIME OF THE MORNING

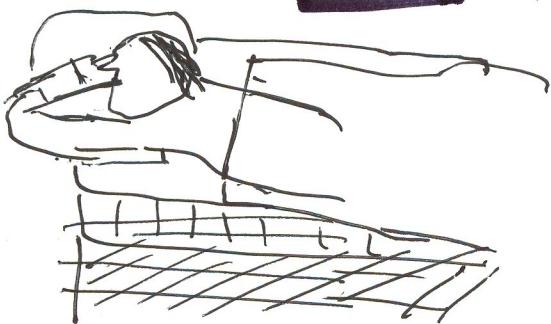
CARTOONS
ON TV
GRAN

GO BACK TO BED SON.
YOU CAN'T BE UP AT THIS HOUR

MWH

IN THE MEANTIME WE
DO ALL THE OTHER SORTS
OF THINGS HUMAN BEINGS DO.

SLEEP



(I GOT 5½ HOURS OF SLEEP
DURING THE MAKING OF THIS
24 HOUR COMIC)

DRINK
TEA



WHEN WE CAN, WE EAT.

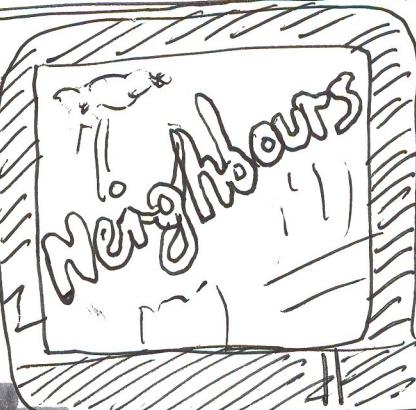
FANCY BUNS.
MMM



SHE HAD
A FEW!

AND WATCH THE
GOLDEN AGE OF
HOLLYWOOD ON
TEEEVEE.

OH, LOOK
WHAT'S ON



NOT
FORGETTING
TO BRUSH
OUR TEETH



MWH



I HAVEN'T BEEN COMPLETELY
HONEST IN MY VISUAL
REPRESENTATIONS OF GRAN

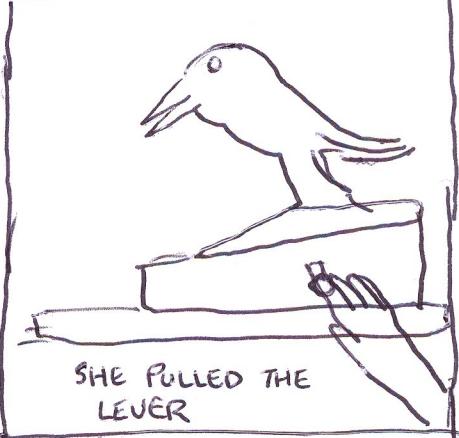


APART FROM ALL
THAT STUFF ABOUT
HER BEING A
TIME-TRAVELLING
ELEMENTAL FORCE
WITH A
FOR DIMENSION-
HOPPING WITH A
CARRY-OUT, THAT
MUCH WAS TRUE.

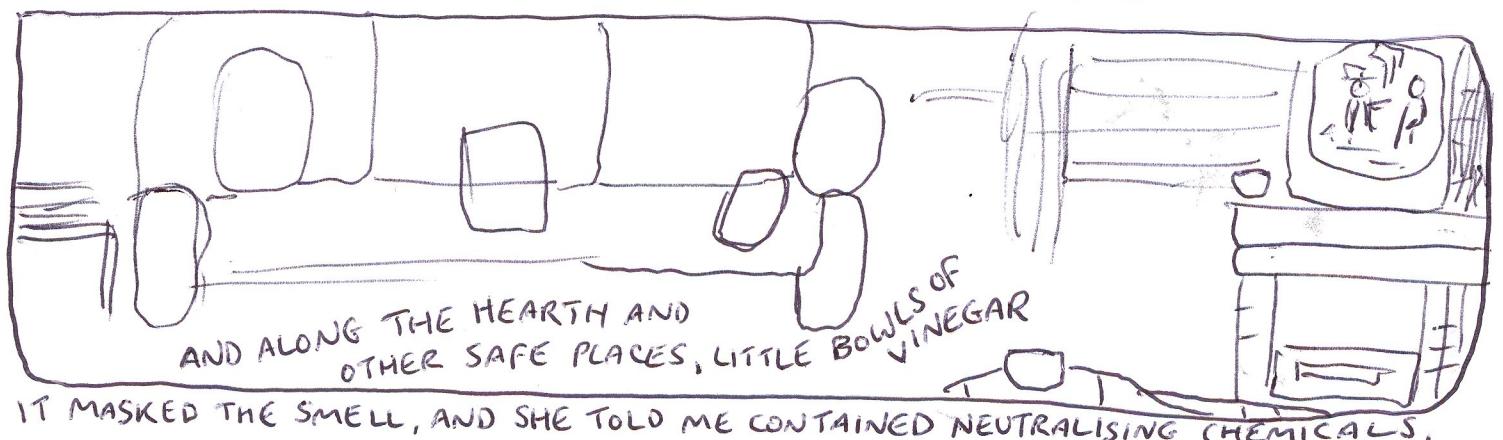


BUT BEFORE MY
BROTHERS & I
STARTED SMOKING
AND AFTER
AND INBETWEEN
AND BEFORE OUR
SMOKES SHE
TOLD US...
Y'KNOW I WISH
I'D NEVER STARTED
THE DAMN THINGS
AND IT'S A
FOOL WHO DOES.

SHE KEPT HER HOME SPOTLESS.

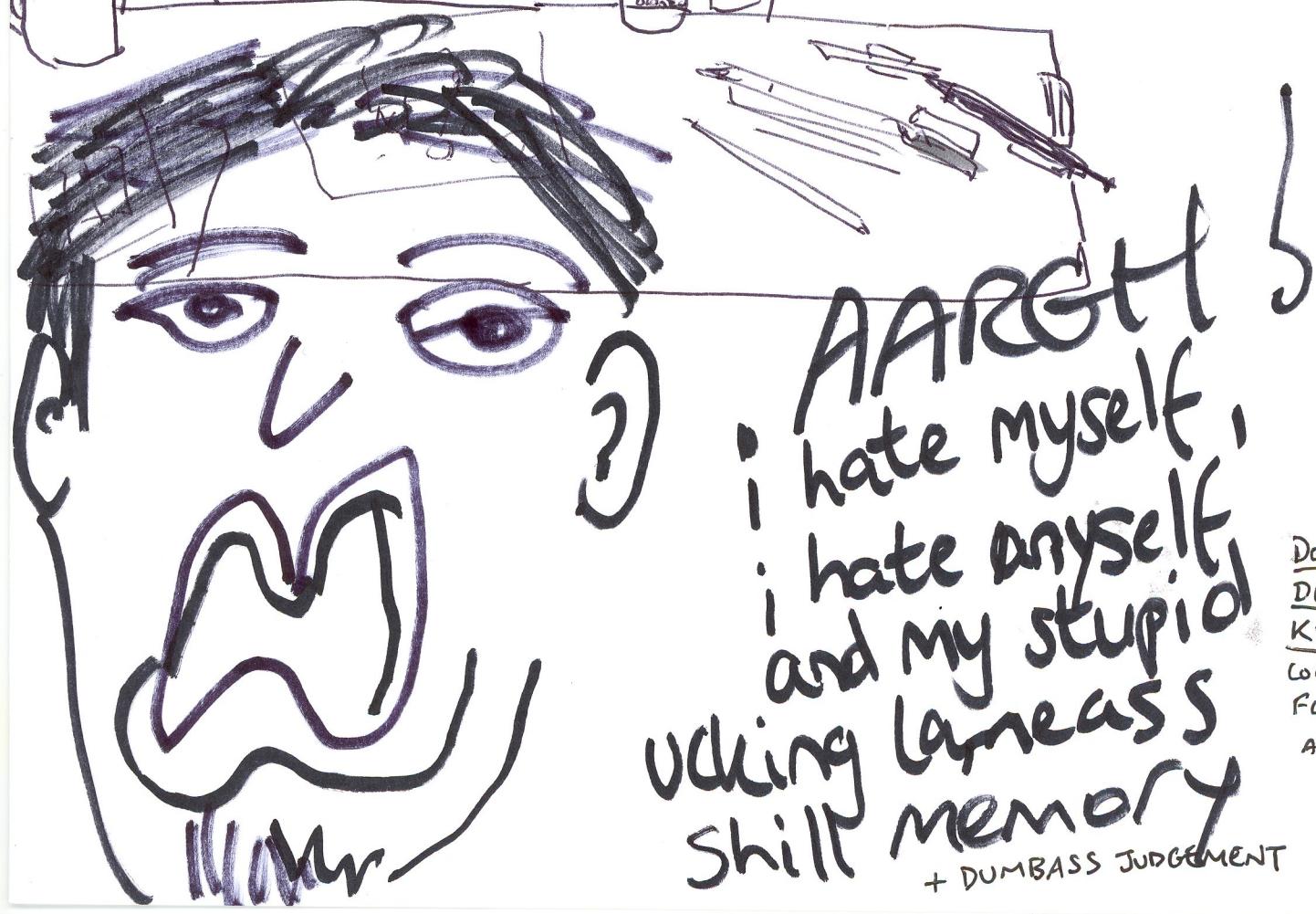


SHE PULLED THE
LEVER



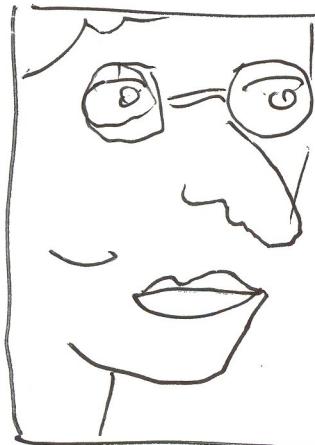
Gran says
(i reckon i recall)
VERMOUTH
works well
with a number
of things.

So i'm going
to find out
if it works
with coffee



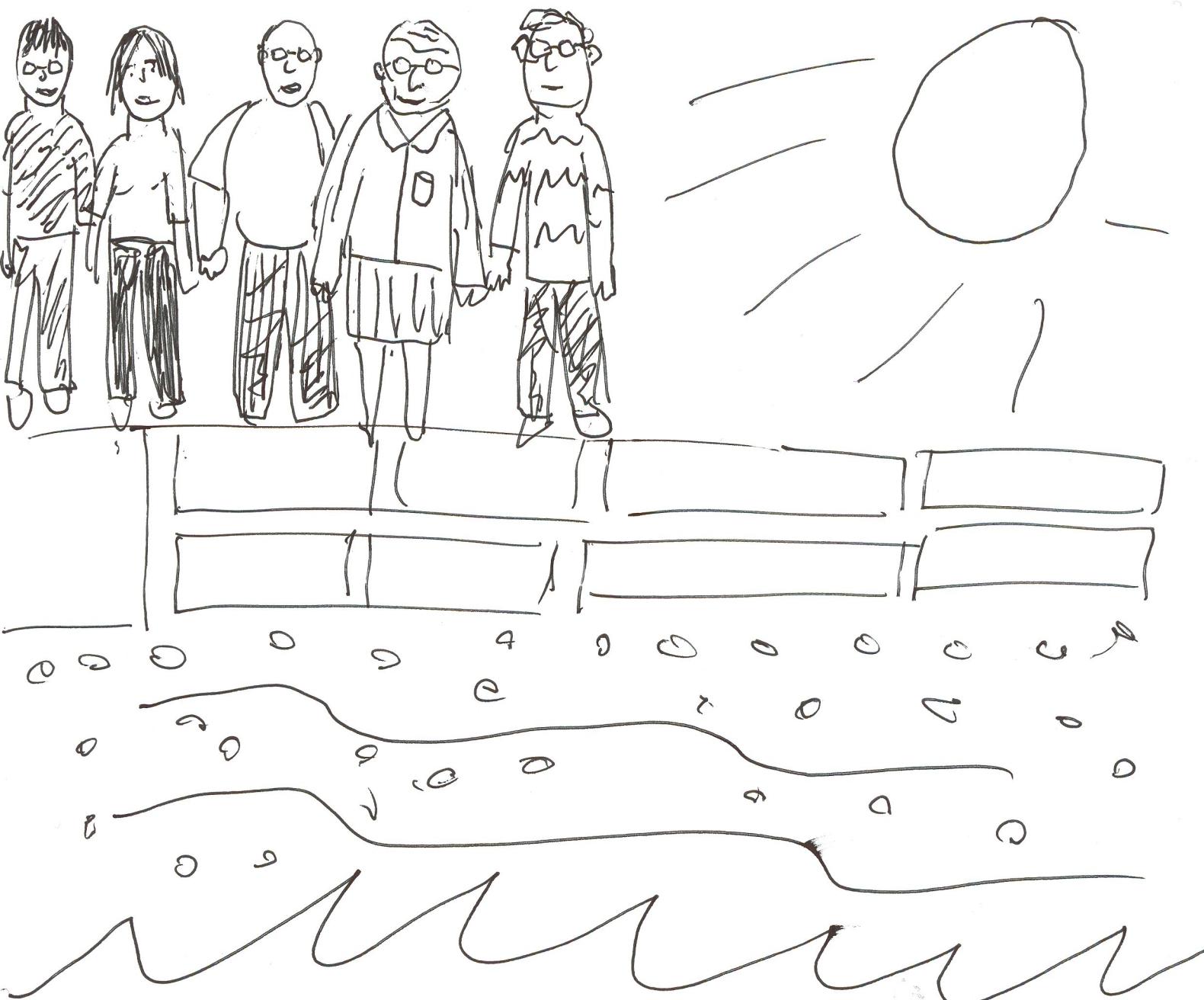
DON'T
DO IT
KIDS.
CONTAINERS
FLOATERS
AND YUCK

+ DUMBASS JUDGEMENT



my gran had the biggest hooter.
it ran in our family.

I remember seeing a documentary on
eskimos - they all had big hooter-noses.
Apparently they were ~~at~~ good at protecting
their families from the cold elements.



WHENEVER I THINK OF MY GRAN ITS
ALWAYS BY THE BEACH, IN THE SUN.
AND SOMEONE HAS MADE SLIDES.

MWH



